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The Right Time to Marry

Enigmas are plentiful in this world, but none more puzzling than the query, "When should a man marry?" The clerk or mechanic earning anywhere from \$7 to \$15 per week has the same desire to make a home for himself, with a presiding angel, of course, as do those more lucky young men with fortunes of their own. If the \$10 clerk, let us say, is really in love, he hugs to his heart not only the object of his adoration, but the delusion that the old adage is true, that "What is enough for one is enough for two." But frequently the maiden fair who is to do the presiding angel act does not agree with him on this point. She may have visions of sealskin coats, or even automobiles, and other "necessaries" of modern life. But it seems that the German kaiser has issued an edict, in view of the perplexed condition of the public mind, which settles the question in his country, at least so far as army officers are concerned. The emperor has promulgated an order to the effect that no officer may marry unless he receives a salary of \$1,125 a year and has also an income of \$375 more. That is to say, if he and his future wife between them can muster \$1,500, the wedding bells may ring.

The hopes of the \$15 young man are dashed, for officers who get no more than \$750 a year are forbidden to even consider matrimony.

Neither are the sons of the rich Americans without their matrimonial troubles, continues a writer in the Detroit News-Tribune. Every one of them must own a city residence and a country home or seaside "cottage," which interpreted often means a "palace by the sea." A writer in Harper's Weekly suggests that national legislation on this subject might be beneficial, the details being classified something as follows:

Bachelors who think the income of one is enough for two, \$20,000.

Bachelors who know the young women are in love with them, and who themselves are willing to go without clubs, cigars and valets, whatever they may happen to have.

Bank cashiers whose fiancées have extravagant tastes, \$50,000 a year.

Millionaires, \$100,000 a year and unlimited credit.

With the aid of some of these old-world ideas propounded by Wilhelm II., salutary reforms may be instituted here in the taking of matrimonial obligations.

Why He Failed to Call

Capt. Fitzgerald of Tampa, Fla., is an Irish-Yankee who went South to die from consumption over 50 years ago, but, liking the climate so well, concluded to live and enjoy it. He was intimately connected with the late H. B. Plant in the upbuilding of Tampa and the west coast of his adopted state, says the New York Tribune, and has enjoyed the friendship of many of the prominent men of this country. President Cleveland, after the conclusion of his first term, went to Tampa for the fishing and soon was captivated by the captain. Many were the days they passed together in a fishing boat, and Mr. Cleveland enjoyed the captain so thoroughly that, upon leaving the place, he cordially invited the captain to call on him when in New York, and promised to make it pleasant for him.

But the captain said: "No, Mr. President, I had one experience calling in New York, and that's enough for me. Years ago, John Jacob Astor came here, and I reckon he had a good time, for when he went away he made me promise to call on him the first time I was in New York. When I did get there, some months later, I set out to

call and walked up to Mr. Astor's house, but on arriving there I hesitated, walked part way up the steps, then my courage gave way and down I came. I walked round the block trying to get my nerve up to ring the bell—you see, I wasn't sure 'twas the proper time of day to call, and all that—and after I had tried three times to get to the top of those steps and retreated three times and trotted round the block three times, I pulled myself up short and said: 'Here goes—no more nonsense.' And just as I got my foot on the step, determined to go in this time, Mr. Astor's private detective grabbed me by the collar and, after yanking me about, said:

"Git out of here, you old lunatic, I've been watching you for half an hour. Now, git out, and I got."

"Now, Mr. President," continued Capt. Fitzgerald, "I reckon if I was to try to call on you in New York I'd be collared by two men, and not even have a chance to walk round a block." And Capt. Fitzgerald's call on Mr. Cleveland has never been made.

Chinese actors are expected to furnish their own cues.

Santa Fe the Oldest City

There is no doubt that St. Augustine is the oldest settlement of white men in this country, but Santa Fe is called the oldest city because it was a city before the coming of the white men. When the Spaniards first made their way to the heart of this country, about 1542, the site of the present city of Santa Fe was occupied by a prosperous and populous pueblo (town) of the Indians. The expedition of Alvar Nunez penetrated New Mexico in 1537, that of Marco de Niza followed in 1539 but Coronado is believed to have been the first to push his journey as far as the Santa Fe town. Several other expeditions, more or less unsuccessful, entered the country, endeavoring to establish missions among the natives. These explorers uniformly reported that these people were considerably advanced in civilization, that they manufactured clothing and weapons, built houses of stone several stories high, and cultivated the soil with diligence, and worked mines of gold and silver. It was not until about 1590 that any permanent Spanish settlements were made. The Spaniards

then literally took possession of the country, built towns, laid out roads, increased the commerce of the country, and especially increased the yield of the mines by extensive workings. They literally enslaved the natives, compelling them to serve them in every way. In 1646 the Spaniards made Santa Fe the capital of their new dominions, which they called New Mexico. But the Indians rebelled against their new masters, especially because of the tolls on labor in the mines, and in 1680 they rose in numbers, massacred nearly all of the oppressors and drove the remainder from the country as far south as El Paso del Norte. After several attempts the Spaniards regained possession of the country in 1696. Santa Fe was a Mexican city until it was taken by the United States under Gen. Kearney in 1846. A Confederate army from Texas captured the city March 10, 1862, but were forced to evacuate it on April 8, following.

Never pluck your coupons before they are ripe.

TALES OF INSURANCE MEN.

Women Have Some Extremely Peculiar Ideas, Say the Underwriters. "Shop talk," which it is the fashion to deprecate, is responsible for some of the best anecdotes which get into print. Here are two which were interchanged by a brace of insurance men not above swapping stories of their calling:

Into the office of a fire insurance agent came an ancient spinster who owned a little house on the outskirts of the town.

"I want to insure my house," said she.

"Where is the house, madame, and how large a policy do you want to take out?"

"Well, now, I want to know some things first. If I insure it for \$900 and pay my premium, and it burns down, do you pay me \$900?"

"Why, most assuredly."

"Well, do you make a lot of trouble trying to find out if it was set afire?"

Naturally the agent admitted that if it looked like a case of arson the company would investigate.

"There!" said the property owner, indignantly, "I told John there was some sort of catch about this insurance business!" and therewith departed uninsured.

It was in New York City that the heroine of the other story found that fire insurance was not all she hoped for. The policy on her house—a big one, for it was a fine edifice in the best part of the city—was brought to her by her agent.

"You had better give me a check for the premium now," said he.

"Why, how much is it?"
"A little over \$100. Wait a moment—I will get the exact amount."
"Oh, how tiresome," cried the property owner. "I'm in such a hurry, and besides my bank account is a little low. Tell the company to let it stand and deduct it from what they owe me when the house burns down."—The Pilgrim.

A Talented Princess.
The Munich Geographical Society has just elected Princess Theresa of Bavaria an honorary member for her achievements in the line of exploration and travel. The princess, who was born in 1850, is the only daughter of Prince Luitpold. Her mother, a princess of Tuscany, died when the little princess was 13 years old. Her grandmother superintended her education. In early youth Theresa showed great interest in natural science and mathematics. Later she studied ethnology, paleontology and botany. She possesses a great talent for foreign languages and now speaks twelve.

French Lecturers Coming.
The lecturers of the Federation of Alliances Francaises in this country the coming season will be Germain Martin, a young professor of the University of France, and Leopold Mabileau, director of the Paris Musee Sociale. Martin's subjects will be historical, his tour beginning in October and ending in December; Mabileau will speak before the Cercle Francaise at Harvard university, the alliances and several universities and also he will initiate a French normal school here.

SUSPICIOUS OF THE BRANDY.

Reason Why Congressman Hull Preferred Admiral Evans' Whisky.

Here is a good story of Admiral Robley D. Evans, of the navy, which some of his associates are telling: Soon after the close of the Spanish war the people of Iowa decided to present a sword to Capt. Evans as a memento of his command of the battleship Iowa in the Santiago fight. The presentation was made at the home of Admiral Evans in Washington. Mrs. Evans assisted her husband in entertaining the guests and presided over the collation which was served in the dining room after the speeches were concluded. "Bob" did not make a very elaborate address, but soon after the close of the formalities he said a few words which were highly appreciated by those who heard them. "Step into this room," said the naval hero; "we'll have a cigar and a toddy." Leading the way into a cozy den, Capt. Evans said: "I ran out of my favorite brand of whisky yesterday and was compelled to stock up with some that I don't know much about. But here is some brandy that I do know something about; it has been in this house for more than twenty years." Turning to Representative Hull he added, "Which will you take, governor?" "Just hand over that whisky decanter," responded Mr. Hull.

"Why, what's the matter with the brandy?" asked Evans in a tone of surprise.

"I don't know, Bob," said Hull, "but if you have had it in the house for twenty years without drinking it there must be something the matter with it. I'll take the whisky."

And Cap. Bob retired under the roar of laughter.

Energy and Cheerfulness.
A minister writing from Rome, tells of the blessings brought to the Pope by his busy and cheerful life, saying:

"Twenty-five years ago an old man, weak and thin, was selected by the Sacred College to be the successor of St. Peter at Rome. None of his contemporaries thought he would live long. But he shut himself up in the Vatican and kept busy and cheerful, and has seen all of his colleagues of a quarter of a century ago pass away from earth. The lesson here is that energy and cheerfulness are powerful tonics to the body, and a long life is the natural tendency of a right spirit. Not that happy natures always reach old age, but that the joy of the Lord is the strength of human life. It matters not so much what may be the circumstances surrounding life, the great token of success is the spirit with which we meet the world. A man is the Christian man's



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